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THAT GREAT CENTRAL BANK SCHEME

The Aldrich plan of instituting a great central bank, somewhat after that which was proposed in President Jackson's time and which was "quashed" by him, is not being received with any extended favor, notwithstanding the mild approval of President Taft. National banks are not inclined to support a scheme which will practically make them mere subsidiaries of a great central bank. There is also a grave apprehension of the results of giving such an institution the power of currency expansion or contraction. Nor is the Aldrich principle of a credit currency received with much favor. Mr. Aldrich's statement that this central bank must "be kept free from Wall Street influences," and that it "shall not be manipulated for political purposes," is met by the N. Y. Journal of Commerce with this comment: "If there is any man in our public life whose course has been more swayed by Wall Street influences and who has been more adept at manipulation for political purposes than the Senator from Rhode Island, we should be glad to have him identified." The N. Y. World asks if President Taft knows of any method by which a central bank issue could be kept free from Wall Street influences or from political manipulation?

President Taft has lately declared Senator Aldrich to be one of the ablest financiers in Congress, and such he probably is, but his ability has always been so exercised as to engender a very grave suspicion of his motives and an equally grave apprehension of the probable effect of any measure proposed or supported by him. His reputation is such that strong evidence and arguments must be brought to clear his central bank project from the suspicion of partisan and Wall Street inspiration. The Taft endorsement of his ability is not sufficient to allay that suspicion.

Many times it has been stated that the late Mr. Harriman was more ambitious of power than of wealth and that he had not accumulated much of the latter but a surplus of the former. Now, his estate which goes in its entirety to his wife, is estimated at \$100,000,000 or more. This makes Mrs. Harriman, it is said, the wealthiest woman in this country, her wealth exceeding even that of Mrs. Ellet Green. It is not known whether or not the deceased railway magnate left any private instructions as to the disposal of the estate.

In his speech at Chicago, President Taft who is himself a lawyer, stated that "we have had too many lawyers legislating on legal procedure," and they have been prone to think that litigants were made for the purpose of furnishing business to courts and lawyers, and not courts and lawyers for the benefit of the people and litigants."

This is not a new idea at all. It has often been expressed by laymen and litigants, and with it has sometimes been coupled the statement that if there were fewer lawyers serving as members of Congress and Legislatures less litigation would result from the action of those bodies. The President intimates that the effect of "too many lawyers legislating on legal procedure" is increased delay and costs; some litigants intimate that the result of too many lawyers in Congress and Legislatures is the deliberate construction of laws in such manner as to invite or necessitate litigation.

President Taft continues to embody in each of his speeches some slight reference to Roosevelt policies. So slight are these references and so mild their language that they seem purely perfunctory. At Chicago, he said that "prosperity must not blind us to the necessity for carrying out certain great reforms advocated by Mr. Roosevelt and recommended in the Republican party platform, which I believe are needed to prevent a return to the abuses which all men recognize the evil of in our previous business methods and the management of our great corporations."

Undoubtedly, President Taft believes himself sincere in such utterances, but the public has not yet witnessed any very strenuous effort to carry into effect the "certain great reforms advocated by Mr. Roosevelt" and has ceased to expect any such effort. If Congress is to take any part in these "great reforms," they will most assuredly be neglected.

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MR. SOULE'S NEW VENTURE

E. J. Soule, for more than nineteen years connected as employee and manager of the Union Pacific Tea Company, Main street, severs his connection with that firm to-night and assumes the management of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, 557 Main street, as well as the branch Monday morning next. Mr. Soule has been very successful and through his untiring energy and application to business, has secured a large and profitable trade.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

New Haven, Sept. 18.—John Reynolds, 60 years of age, was found dead in his room at 150 Meadow street last evening by his landlady, who had become worried at his failure to put in an appearance. Reynolds had not been seen since last Wednesday, although he was heard moving about his room on Thursday. After investigating the case, Dr. Bartlett found that death was due to heart disease.

BARGE CAPTAIN BROWN DROWNED

New Haven, Sept. 18.—In an attempt to board the coal barge of which he was captain at Canal dock last night, Frank Brown, a man about 55 years of age, whose address is unknown, was drowned by falling between the barge and the dock. Captain Brown with Captain John Allen of another barge in the vicinity, was attempting to jump across three feet at the most between the dock and the barge. Captain Brown attempted to follow but missed his footing and went down. It was impossible to save him. It is believed by the women in the vicinity that the body has been sucked under the boats by an eddy and may not be found for some time. Patrolman Desiderio of the central station investigated the accident and reported the inability to find the body. Nothing is known about the whereabouts of the dead man's relatives.

WRECKED AUTO TO SAVE LIFE

Bristol, Sept. 18.—Coming suddenly upon two teams almost abreast as he rounded a sharp curve yesterday afternoon on the way from Southington to this place, Montague Roberts, who was driving a racing automobile, wrecked the machine sharply to the side of the road, to avoid hitting the teams. The car went into a ditch and continued going until it struck a trolley pole. It was completely wrecked and Roberts and his mechanic Christopher O'Brien were thrown some distance away.

The car cleared both teams, but the driver of the second team, Frank Kieffer of New Britain, who had just started to the road was struck by the car. He was taken to the New Britain hospital, where he is reported as being in a very critical condition. Several ribs were fractured and penetrated the lungs. Both Roberts and O'Brien were cut and bruised. They were conveyed to Bristol, where their injuries were attended to.

The car was to have entered the races at Southington next week.

The action of Roberts, a larger characterized as a most deliberate wrecking of an automobile for the purpose of saving human life.

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Deaths and Funerals

The funeral of Mrs. William Kettles was held yesterday afternoon from her late home on Newfield avenue, Rev. J. C. France of St. Luke's church officiated. The bearers were W. J. Miller, W. A. Saul, Matthew and James Kettles, John Giffin and William Lord. Interment was in Lakeview cemetery.

The funeral of Rose Norton, who passed away at the home of her parents on Brooks street was held yesterday afternoon at 3:30. Rev. George M. Brown, pastor of the First Methodist church officiated. The pall bearers were the Messrs. Albert Holmes, Chas. Karby, Frederick Polkinghorne, and John Jansen. Burial was in the family plot at Lakeview cemetery.

TOWN TREASURER SHORT \$12,000

Guilford Takes Action to Collect Shortage in George S. Davis' Accounts as Shown by Expert

Guilford, Sept. 18.—In response to the call for a special town meeting at the Guilford town hall yesterday afternoon, the largest gathering of voters the town has known in years, assembled "to hear the report on the treasurer's books and to take any action which may be deemed best in relation thereto." It was no new story to the townspeople that the town treasurer George S. Davis is alleged to have been irregular in his accounts with the town, nor was it unknown that an expert accountant, Walter S. Weston of New Haven, had been engaged by First Selectman Calvin M. Leete to make a thorough investigation of the books of the former town treasurer.

Accountant Weston's report showed that the net shortage in the accounts of the former treasurer is a little over \$6,000. The alleged irregularities extend, it was stated, over a number of years, and were concealed by falsifications in the books from time to time, so that false balances were forced, when the time came to make the annual reports. It appeared that the total amount of the shortage is about \$12,000 but to make good a part of this Davis has turned over to the town, personal notes and mortgages amounting to about \$3,000, and has received a receipt therefor. He is unable to deliver security for the remainder of the shortage.

A resolution was presented, instructing the selectmen to take action to collect the shortage in the funds of the town from those responsible for such shortage, and to prosecute any slight controversy arising over the advisability of the town's prosecuting Mr. Davis, one faction contending that he should be held accountable for the shortage, and the other, the stand that no benefit would be derived by the town by such action and that the matter should be left to the discretion of the state's attorney, thus relieving the town from the added burden of the cost of prosecution. After a short debate Attorney Beers offered an amendment to the resolution striking out the words "and to prosecute," and the amended resolution was passed. Another resolution was passed, directing the selectmen not to prosecute former selectmen for the shortage unless they are criminally responsible.

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